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RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116
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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 09/341,241

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Title: COSMETIC OR DERMATOLOGICAL COMPOSITION IN THE FORM
OF A GEL, CONTAINING IN A MIXTURE AN ASSOCIATIVE
COPOLYMER, A SURFACTANT AND A CONDITIONING AGENT

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 23, 2001, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including June 23, 2002, by submission of the requisite extension petition, extension fee, Notice of Appeal and Notice of Appeal fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claim 19, without prejudice.

15. (Amended) Cosmetic or dermatological composition for topical application in the form of an aqueous gel, comprising:

(a) at least one associative non-crosslinked acrylic copolymer having a C₈-C₃₂

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